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## 2nd bomb hits B.C. pipeline

**DAWSON CREEK** A second bomb has exploded on a gas pipeline in a remote corner of Northeastern B.C., RCMP said yesterday.

The pipeline was damaged in the explosion, but did not rupture.

The blast, which occurred yesterday morning or Wednesday evening, was discovered at 9:15 a.m. yesterday roughly half a kilometre from the Alberta border, east of Dawson Creek, B.C.

It is the second explosion in the same area in less than a week. Investigators working the case, including members of the anti-terrorist Integrated National Security Enforcement Team, believe the explosions are connected.

The pipeline is owned by EnCana and carries "sour gas" a form of natural gas that contains hydrogen sulphide.

On Oct. 10, a letter was sent to a local media outlet advising local oil and gas companies to cease production and leave the area, RCMP said. The letter did not contain any specific threats.

Two days later, on Sunday, a hunter about 50 kilometres east of Dawson Creek stumbled across a six-foot crater beneath the 30-centimetre diameter stainless steel pipe. The pipeline did not rupture.

Police believe the explosion occurred the night before.

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A two-metre crater marks the spot of the first of two explosions east of Dawson Creek.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Jeff Crawford, 32, camps out in front of Vancouver City Hall yesterday. He said he's doing it to gain the right for the homeless, like himself, to camp in public parks after the B.C. Supreme Court ruled in favour of tent cities in Victoria.

# Homeless advocates fight for camp rights

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for Metro Vancouver

**With homeless people outnumbering shelter beds roughly two-to-one in Vancouver, local groups are urging the city to overturn a bylaw that prevents people from putting up a shelter on public property.**

It happened earlier this week in Victoria when a judge found the bylaw unconstitutional because it deprived people of their rights to life, liberty and security of person.

But what it could mean for Vancouver's parks, beaches and tourism remains to be seen. Could a tent city turn up in Stanley Park?

"(The bylaw) absolutely is good for the parks," said Vancouver Park Board chair Korina Houghton. "That is not the purpose of our parks — they're not campgrounds."

But to some, bringing the ruling to Vancouver is an urgent priority.

"People are at risk of hypothermia and other life-threatening conditions when they have to sleep outside with no shelter," said Laura Track, a lawyer with Pivot Legal Society.

In the next few weeks, Pivot will be launching a case to prove that the same Charter rights enforced in Victoria apply here.

Yesterday, a social justice group called Streams of Justice camped out on the front lawn of Vancouver's City Hall to bring attention to the issue.

"People seem like they can be pretty comfortable with 1,500 homeless people in Vancouver as long as they're not that visible," said group spokesman Dave Diewert.

"Once you start to see tents popping up all over the place in very inconvenient places, it becomes the rupture of the status quo and it says we've got to really deal with this."

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## Teen dies from pellet gun wound

**INVESTIGATION** A 13-year-old Surrey boy died from a head wound two days after being shot with a pellet gun, RCMP investigators said yesterday.

The boy, who has not been named publicly, had been on life-support since Tuesday evening when his 13-year-old friend shot him in the head while playing outside a house near 106th Avenue and 140th Street in North Surrey.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team took over the investigation from Surrey RCMP on Wednesday. They are treating the incident as a "suspicious circumstance."

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**Cherry Blossom Festival underway**

The 2009 Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival started yesterday, inviting submissions for haiku poems on the theme of cherry blossoms in the spirit of international friendship. The winning poem will be displayed on buses and SkyTrain cars, and corresponding music will be composed by VSO assistant conductor Evan Mitchell. METRO VANCOUVER

# Local

## Clinton visits Vancouver

**Former American president Bill Clinton is in Vancouver today to meet with B.C. business and community leaders for a one-day summit on corporate responsibility. The Business Council Of British Columbia is hosting the event.** METRO VANCOUVER

# Economy dominates byelections

## Two provincial ridings in Vancouver up for grabs in Oct. 29 vote

MONICA MARTINEZ
for Metro Vancouver

**The economy was a dominant issue yesterday when two of B.C.'s provincial parties launched campaigns to fill two vacant MLA seats in a byelection on October 29.**

B.C. NDP Leader Carole James and Premier Gordon Campbell joined their respective candidates in two separate rallies yesterday for the provincial ridings of Vancouver-Fairview and Vancouver-Burrard.

James criticized Campbell for not appearing concerned about the economy, while Campbell defended his record, saying his government created a $1.45-billion provincial surplus.

"We have driven down debt and increased the number of jobs by 50,000," Campbell said.

But James said unemployment is increasing while consumer spending drops.

"I can't think of a more important time to bring the legislature back," she said.

The ridings became vacant when Liberal MLA Lorne Mayencourt resigned to run for the Conservative party in Tuesday's federal election and former NDP MLA Gregor Robertson became the Vision Vancouver mayoral candidate.

Premier Gordon Campbell stumps for upcoming Liberal MLA candidates For Vancouver-Fairview and Vancouver-Burrard at the Empire Landmark Hotel yesterday.

PHOTOS: BAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Provincial NDP Leader Carole James, right, and NDP Vancouver-Fairview Jenn McGinn, left, listen as NDP candidate for Vancouver-Burrard, Spencer Herbert, speaks at his campaign headquarters.

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## Abduction verdict expected today

**MCMYNN** A verdict is expected today in the trial of five men accused of kidnapping former University of B.C. student Graham McMynn.

In April 2006, McMynn, 25, was forced from his car at gunpoint and kept blindfolded and handcuffed in a closet for eight days before RCMP rescued him from a Surrey home.

The defence in the trial has argued the Crown's evidence is circumstantial, but prosecutors said DNA evidence proves the men were complicit.

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## Vancouver South recount underway

**ELECTION** A recount is underway in the Vancouver South riding because Liberal Ujjal Dosanjh won by such a narrow margin in Tuesday's election.

Elections Canada makes an automatic judicial recount in such cases.

Dosanjh won by 33 votes over Conservative Wai Young.

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## News in brief

**CORRECTION** Vision Vancouver Coun. Tim Stevenson introduced the motion to ban plastic shopping bags that was approved by City Council on Tuesday. The motion asks city staff to explore ways to phase out the disposable bags until a ban can be implemented, possibly as early as next year. Metro regrets the error.

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**THEFT** Vancouver Police are investigating a break and enter at a downtown jewelry store early yesterday. Thieves broke through a wall at Saatchi and Saatchi Jewelry Store on Robson Street and stole hundreds of thousands of dollars in jewelry.

**RECOVERED** Burnaby RCMP are looking for the owners of two items believed to have been stolen. One is an oil painting depicting a European canal scene, and the other is a mounted and signed Todd Bertuzzi jersey. They were found as part of an investigation conducted in June.

**FRIGHT NIGHTS** The PNE's annual Halloween fair, Fright Nights, opened at Playland last night. The event, which features rides, games and haunted houses, starts at 6 p.m. every night until Nov. 1. Tickets are $20-$25.

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# NPA would clean up city: Ladner

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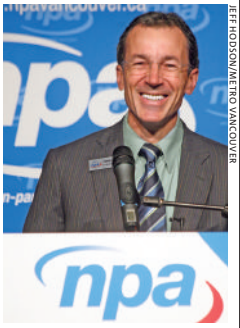
Mayoral candidate Peter Ladner said he will reduce crime, make housing more affordable and keep taxes "in line" yesterday as he unveiled his party's platform for November's civic election.

"We will make sure that every sidewalk in our city is clean and safe after three years of NPA action," said Ladner, at Performance Works Theatre on Granville Island yesterday.

His rival, Vision mayoral candidate Gregor Robertson, said the platform was a "rehash of tired, failed policies."

The two-term councillor also promised to lobby for a regional, provincial and national solution to homelessness, addiction and mental health.

The 50-point NPA action plan was developed from a policy summit, involving 35 community leaders and the NPA's 26 council, park and school board candidates.

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NPA mayoral hopeful Peter Ladner unveils his party's platform on Granville Island yesterday.

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# Turning grief into change

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Gord Penner holds photos of his murdered son, Jesse Penner, in June 2007. Yesterday, Penner met with Solicitor General John van Dongen to discuss proposed legislation to better compensate victims of crime and their families.

**It's been five months since the fight to financially protect victims of crime became official with the reading of Bill M217 in the British Columbia legislature.**

Yesterday, the Victims Of Crime Compensation Act received the ears of the Solicitor General when members of Families Against Crime And Trauma (FACT) met with John van Dongen.

Sandra Martins-Toner and her husband David Toner, along with Nina Rivet and Gord Penner, are four of a handful of families of crime victims that have successfully created, or are working on, legislation to prevent similar deaths.

"It's amazing what the power of speaking out will do," said Martins-Toner, whose son Matthew, 16, was murdered outside Surrey Central SkyTrain station in 2005.

"We loved our kids tremendously, and they're not going to die in vain," added Penner, whose son Jesse, 20 was stabbed to death outside a Port Coquitlam house party in 2006.

Jesse Penner

Penner has been fighting for a habitual offender designation for youths who repeatedly commit violent crimes, which would allow judges to apply longer sentences than currently available under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

His son's killer, Ryan Crossley, who was 16 at the time, was awaiting sentencing in his 10th criminal conviction, four of which were violent.

Penner says Crossley should never have been on the streets.

"Nobody's got the guts to challenge the … system," said Penner. "We're going to step on a lot of toes, but we're not going to stop (fighting for change)."

## Fighting to make a difference

### Grant's law

In June, prepayment at B.C. gas stations became mandatory. Doug and Corinne De Patie, whose son Grant was killed in March 2005 while trying to stop a fleeing gas-and-dasher in Maple Ridge, fought for the regulation.

### SkyTrain safety

After Matthew Martins was murdered outside a SkyTrain station in July 2005, his family and MLA Adrian Dix fought successfully to have digital video surveillance installed at all stations.

### Street racing

Nina Rivet, whose sister was killed by a street racer in Vancouver in 2000, lobbied for the 2006 passing of Bill C-19, which created longer prison terms for negligent dangerous drivers.

Varinder Badh, whose parents were killed by a street racer in Surrey in July 2008, is fighting for manslaughter charges against negligent hit-and-run drivers.

### Financial help

Port Coquitlam MLA Mike Farnworth is lobbying to make victims eligible for employment insurance.

### Gang registry

Eileen Mohan, the mother of an innocent man murdered in a gang hit in Surrey in October 2006, is fighting for a registry for convicted gangsters similar to one that identifies convicted sex offenders.

## Monday in Metro: Part III

- What is a life worth? Metro looks at the sentences given to British Columbians convicted of killing others in the final feature of this three-part series.

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**Former Saskatchewan premier steps down as party leader**
Former premier Lorne Calvert says he will be stepping down as leader of the Saskatchewan NDP. Calvert made the announcement in Saskatoon last night. After 16 years in power, the NDP was relegated to official opposition in last fall's election by the right-leaning Saskatchewan Party. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Canada

## Frankie Venom dead

**Frank Kerr, lead singer of the Hamilton punk band Teenage Head, died yesterday of cancer. Kerr, better known as Frankie Venom, was 52. Teenage Head started in 1975 at Hamilton's Westdale high school. Last year, its records Teenage Head and Frantic City were included in a list of 100 of the top Canadian albums of all time by a panel of 500 experts.**
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## News in brief

**TRIAL** Former minor hockey coach and NHL agent David Frost's trial for sexual exploitation will include evidence of how he bullied and mistreated his teenaged players on the ice and in the dressing room, a judge ruled yesterday. Justice Geoffrey Griffin also ruled he would allow the names of several witnesses to be published, including women who at the time of the alleged offences were teenagers who engaged in sexual acts with Frost and his players. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Quebec Sarkozy to make history

MATHIEU BELANGER/REUTERS

**Police officers guard the site of the XII Sommet de la Francophonie in Quebec City yesterday. French President Nicolas Sarkozy is in town for the event and will address the province's National Assembly — the first time a French leader has done so.**

## VANOC posts $48.1M deficit for fiscal year

**BUDGET** Organizers of the Vancouver 2010 Games ended their financial year with a $48.1 million deficit, compared with a $60.9 million surplus in 2007, according to Vanoc's annual financial statements released yesterday.

The fluctuation between surplus and deficits are typical for Olympic organizing committees, the report said, because the receipt of revenues and the payment of expenses does not follow a regular business cycle, but is dependant on individual contracts.

Overall, the report lists a project-to-date deficit of $27.4 million.

Net operating revenues for the year ended July 31, 2008 were $122.3 million, down from the $177.8 million the year before. The $55.5-million decrease was primarily due to a sizable advance from the International Olympic Committee in 2007.

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# Dion ignored warnings that Green Shift a dud

**POLLS** Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion was warned by the party's own pollster seven weeks before launching his Green Shift plan that it was a "vote-loser, not a vote-winner."

Despite the confidential warning to senior campaign officials April 29 from pollster Michael Marzolini, the Dion team pressed ahead and, with great fanfare, announced the plan on June 19.

Johanne Senécal, Dion's chief-of-staff, emailed campaign co-chairs — Senator David Smith, Mark Marissen and Nancy Girard — that more focus group testing was required in order to sell it properly.

"Tell (Marzolini) that SD (Dion) is putting his political career at risk here and that we would be insane to let him go forward without testing the messages," she wrote in a May 8 email.

Clearly, there were problems with the public's perception of the Green Shift plan from earliest polling last spring.

"It was our recommendation that if a carbon tax shift absolutely must be part of our platform — and we do not recommend this at all — that it only be part of a larger environmental strategy involving actual popular proposals," says Marzolini's memo, obtained by the Toronto Star.

It goes on to say the public is "vulnerable" to Conservative counter-arguments — including it being a tax grab, too complex and bureaucratic, hurtful to their personal financial situations and too risky in the current economic environment.

Senécal was not available yesterday. Girard declined comment on correspondence but stressed: "It's just a matter of time before the Liberal party is back stronger than ever."

Marzolini, whose Toronto-based firm, Pollara, polled for Ontario Liberal Premier Dalton McGuinty's last two election campaigns, declined comment on his work.

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**Milkshake study reveals brain's role in obesity**

Obese people may get less satisfaction from food due to a blunted response in brain circuitry relating to pleasure, and may overeat to make up for it, particularly if they carry a specific gene variant, U.S. researchers said. Studies showed obese people had less activity in the brain's reward centres when they drank a chocolate milkshake. REUTERS

# World/Business

## Afghan plan review delayed

**A U.S. government review of strategy for the war in Afghanistan has been delayed and will likely not be completed until after next month's presidential election, the Pentagon said yesterday.**

Alarmed by rising levels of insurgent violence in Afghanistan, the Bush administration began a review in September of all aspects of its policies in Afghanistan and suggested results could come by the end of this month.

But Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said the National Security Council review was taking longer than expected.

"This is a major issue. ... We want to make sure that we fashion the best strategy to hand off to a succeeding administration," he said.

The U.S. military's Joint Staff is also reviewing strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, as is Gen. David Petraeus, the former U.S. commander in Iraq who soon takes charge of U.S. forces across the Middle East and into Central and South Asia.

Ultimately it will be up to the next U.S. president to take stock of the reviews and decide on an overall policy.

Violence in Afghanistan is at its highest level since U.S.-led forces toppled hard-line Taliban Islamist rulers after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. REUTERS

### Petraeus gears up for aid efforts

- U.S. Gen. David Petraeus, who is credited with helping save Iraq from civil war, met International Monetary Fund and World Bank representatives last week in preparation for new efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The move, unusual for a military commander, underscores the Pentagon's emphasis on unifying military, economic, political and diplomatic aid to help the two countries.

## Worldwide financial crisis eclipsing hunger: Activists

**FOOD** The world's leading crusaders against hunger voiced frustration on World Food Day yesterday that the financial crisis had overshadowed a food crisis tipping millions toward starvation.

The World Bank predicts high food and fuel prices will raise the number of malnourished people in the world by 44 million this year, to a total of 967 million.

Proponents of more urgent measures questioned why rich nations could not show the same urgency to save people from starvation as they did when rescuing banks. REUTERS

## China to help ailing Pakistan

**LOAN** Premier Wen Jiabao pledged to help Pakistan overcome its economic troubles, Chinese state media said yesterday, although details of the assistance were not disclosed.

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari was expected to seek US$500 million or more in soft loans from its neighbour. REUTERS

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## News in brief

**POLITICS** After being invoked as the American everyman in the U.S. presidential debate, it has been revealed that "Joe the plumber" isn't a licensed plumber after all, and his real name is actually Samuel Wurzelbacher. REUTERS

## Election Independent's day

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Supporters of independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader participate in a rally on Wall Street in New York yesterday. Nader and running mate Matt Gonzalez are on the bill in 45 states.

## Business

## Canada buys $5B in banks' mortgages

**The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) bought $5 billion of mortgages from financial institutions yesterday.**

The government-run CMHC plans to buy up to $25 billion in the securities. The aim is to help banks raise longer-term, costlier funding so that they can make more loans available to businesses and consumers.

CHMC didn't say which banks sold mortgages, or for how much. REUTERS

### Today's markets

The S&P/TSX composite index closed down 53.88 points, or 0.58 per cent, at 9,269.97. Earlier in the day the index tumbled 562.83 points, or 6 percent, its lowest in four years.

Confused about the TSX's wild day? Find out what happened at metronews.ca/canada

## Condo developers seek protection

**CRISIS** Developers of Infinity at Central City, a $350-million, five-tower condo complex in Surrey, have applied for financial protection from creditors in order to seek financing. Bankrupt bank Lehman Brothers were providing the second mortgage.

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## In brief

**ENERGY** Alberta said it will go ahead with plans to boost oil and gas royalties at the start of 2009 despite lower oil prices and a credit crisis.

**BEEF** The World Trade Organization backed U.S. and Canadian sanctions of European food imports in response to the EU's longtime ban on beef treated with growth hormones. REUTERS

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**Romo could start despite broken finger**

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# Sports

## Sox stave off elimination

**J.D. Drew, left, hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning and the game-winning RBI single in the ninth inning, and the Boston Red Sox staved off elimination by erasing a seven-run deficit with a miraculous 8-7 win over the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 5 of the American League Championship Series.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Burrows buries Wings

**NHL RESULTS**

**Canucks 4 Red Wings 3**

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**Vancouver Canucks leftwing Alex Burrows, centre, celebrates his game winning goal against the Detroit Red Wings last night.**

**THE SKINNY:** Alex Burrows scored just 27 seconds into overtime as the Canucks rallied to down the defending Stanley Cup champs in their own barn.

**THE COMEBACK:** The Canucks have come back to win two games when trailing after two periods – the same number of times they accomplished that feat in all of 2007.

**THE STAR:** Alex Burrows did a bit of everything in this one. In addition to scoring the game-winner and picking up an assist on Hansen's goal, Burrows also drew a penalty late in the third period to wipe out a Wings' powerplay.

**MILESTONES:** Alain Vigneault and Roberto Luongo won't forget this victory anytime soon; it was NHL win #200 for both the head coach and the captain.

**THE NEXT GAME:** From Red Wings to Buffalo wings, the Canucks head to western New York where they'll take on the Sabres tonight.

## Sports in brief

**NHL** The Chicago Blackhawks have fired head coach Denis Savard just four games into the 2008-09 season and replaced him with Joel Quenneville. Savard, who spent 12 of his 17 NHL seasons as a star center with the Blackhawks, had been the club's head coach since November 29, 2006.
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## Soccer star turns porn star

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Yep, the ex-soccer star has turned into a promising porn star.

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## Movies

## Often 'misunderestimated' Pg 10

BRYAN BEDDER/GETTY IMAGES

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of director Oliver Stone's impressive film W. is just how rounded of a portrayal he's made of U.S. president George W. Bush. In his own right, Josh Brolin, here with co-star Elizabeth Banks, gives a stunning performance.

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Passchendaele unfortunate piece of Canadian cinema.

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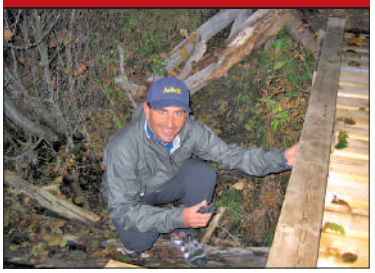

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# Movies

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## Passchendaele could have used a rewrite

**Passchendaele**

**Director:** Paul Gross
**Stars:** Paul Gross, Joe Dinicol
**Classification:** 14A
**Rating:** ●●

**RICK MCGINNIS**
Metro Canada

**REVIEW** It's worth noting that it's been exactly 25 years since the last time Canada attempted to make a movie set in the mud and trenches of the First World War.

That film — Robin Phillips' The Wars, with a screenplay by Timothy Findley based on his own novel — was ponderously bad, and a generation had to pass before we attempted the experiment again.

Paul Gross' Passchendaele puts the putative setting and subject of his film in the title, but halfway through the film, you have to wonder why truth in advertising didn't compel him to call it Calgary. While the film's climax is indeed set during the furious 1917 battle where Canadian troops repeated the onerous task set to them months earlier at Vimy Ridge — both battles serve as bookends for the film — the bulk of the story takes place in a Calgary full of wooden sidewalks, where war fever has given way to desperate recruitment drives.

Gross plays Michael Dunne, whose wounds extend to shell shock, and Caroline Dhavernas plays the pretty nurse he's fallen in love with. She also has an asthmatic younger brother (Joe Dinicol) bent on proving himself to his fiancée and her doctor father by enlisting.

Gross spent more than a decade writing the film, which wasn't long enough to digest the chunky stew of facts and fictional precedents embedded in its storyline.

Unfortunately, the titular battle is reduced to an afterthought to the dreary prairie drama that takes up most of the film.

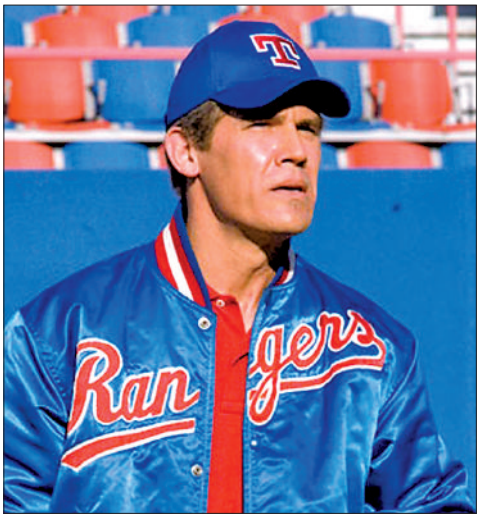
The small tragedy is that, while the funding labyrinth responsible for making Passchendaele is vast, there was obviously no one at any point with the simple task of asking for a rewrite that could be plausibly put in front of the cameras — a tragedy unique to Canadian cinema.

# Brolin gets Bush

**W.**

**Director:** Oliver Stone
**Stars:** Josh Brolin, Richard Dreyfus
**Classification:** PG
**Rating:** ●●●●

**PHIL BROWN**
for Metro Canada



Josh Brolin portrays President George W. Bush in Oliver Stone's W.

**When it was announced that Oliver Stone would be directing a film about the life of George W. Bush, it was assumed that the movie would be a slanted attack that made the president seem even worse than he's managed to do on his own.**

But perhaps the most surprising aspect of Stone's impressive film is just how rounded of a portrayal he's made. Make no mistake, Stone does not present Bush as a strong leader by any stretch of the imagination, but he does at least explain how he managed to make his many mistakes in a manner that seems plausible and disturbingly relatable.

Of course, Stone never could have created such a shaded portrayal without an actor capable of fully embodying the figure, who has been a cultural icon for almost a decade.

Josh Brolin perfectly captures all of Bush's mannerisms without ever slipping into the realm of a Saturday Night Live impersonation. It's a truly exceptional piece of acting that solidifies Brolin's sudden rise to prominence in Hollywood.

Similar glowing comments can be made about the entire cast, including Richard Dreyfus' subtly malicious Dick Cheney and Thandie Newton's chameleon-like transformation into Condoleezza Rice.

As well crafted and entertaining as the film is, it does suffer from being a little slight. Because of Stone's passionate desire to remain as objective and truthful as possible, there's nothing particularly new or challenging suggested by the film.

We already know what happened, but it is nice to see it depicted so honestly and effectively. W. is the best thing that Oliver Stone has attached his name to in years and the movie will hopefully be a step towards rebuilding his career.

It's hard to believe that a film this openly critical about a sitting president could ever be released, but if anyone deserved it, it's the eternally misunderestimated George Dub-ya.

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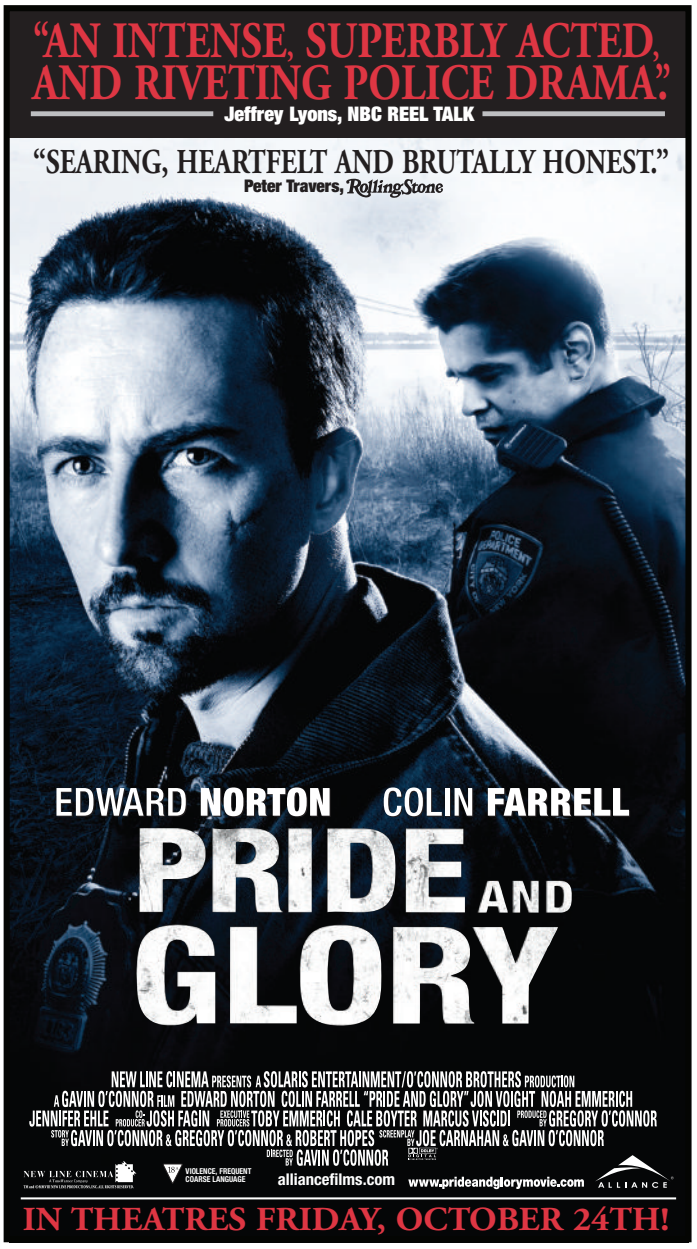
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# Sex Drive runs on empty

### Sex **Drive**

**Director:** Sean Anders
**Stars:** Amanda Crew, James Marsden, Josh Zuckerman
**Classification:** 18A
**Rating:** 🌐½

**STEVE GOW**
for Metro Canada

Sex Drive doesn't live up to the raunchy teen flick genre.

**Have you seen American Pie, Superbad or any other teen comedy made since 1983 where the protagonist's central aim is to get laid? Well, unless you feel the need to add "main character wears a doughnut costume" to that compendium, you can probably skip Sex Drive.**

In this witless derivative, 18-year-old virgin Ian (Josh Zuckerman) spends his free time on the Internet pretending to be a bench-pressing jock until he finally attracts the affectionate invitation of a sexy sure thing.

Seizing the moment, Ian steals his brother's muscle car and sets out on a road trip with a platonic gal pal and his unintentionally annoying buddy Lance — who despite looking like the love child of The Office's Dwight Schrute and Charles Nelson Reilly is portrayed as a total ladies' man. Go figure.

Along the way, the trio elude Ian's maniacally repressed older brother (James Marsden), get chased by a jilted redneck in a truck, and crash an Amish keg party featuring power-pop act Fall Out Boy. Hey, it could happen.

I suppose the film should earn some marks for at least attempting to explore areas of political-incorrectness, but in an era where an overabundance of raunchy teen romps have only risen expectations, Sex Drive is too trite to make a dent in the genre.

Simply put, to say this film plays to the MTV set isn't just overstating the obvious, it's a warning: Every gimmick in Sex Drive is so manufactured to seem genuinely quirky, it all comes off solicitous and as counterfeit and provocative as a Weird Al Yankovic music video.

# Footage highlights violent protest

### Battle **in Seattle**

**Director:** Stuart Townsend
**Stars:** Charlize Theron, Woody Harrelson
**Classification:** PG
**Rating:** 🌐🌐🌐½

**STEVE VEALE**
for Metro Canada

Charlize Theron appears in Battle in Seattle.

**REVIEW** When American author-philosopher Henry David Thoreau wrote his 1849 treatise Civil Disobedience — in the rural countryside of the placid Walden Pond — he could not possibly have foreseen the clash between protesters and police in Battle in Seattle.

Stuart Townsend's impressive directorial debut seamlessly melds actual news footage of rioting crowds rampaging through 1998 Seattle — Vancouver acts as a stand–in for the city — with his A-list actors who provide the human perspective to the devastation in the streets.

This example of civil disobedience was the first time that a protest had been aimed at the World Trade Organization. For most, it became an introduction to this rather suspect — and unelected — organization that controls global financial and business interests.

To Townsend's credit (he also wrote the script) there are good guys and bad guys on both sides of the barricades: Some police want to break heads, others strive for control; some protesters preach nonviolence, others insist on destruction.

Townsend's villains are definitely the shadowy men of the WTO who put profits over medical aid, food and financing for emerging nations.

This battle to stop the proceedings quickly escalated into full-scale rioting by thousands of protesters. The police were caught off guard, and a state of emergency was declared when the mayor was forced to call in the National Guard.

The solid ensemble cast includes luminaries such as Charlize Theron, Woody Harrelson, Connie Nielsen, Michelle Rodriguez and Martin Henderson. Special note should be given to Ray Liotta as conflicted Mayor Jim Tobin, and André Benjamin as a merry prankster who has made protesting his life's mission.

In light of the recent worldwide financial turmoil, Battle in Seattle is even more topical and important to experience.

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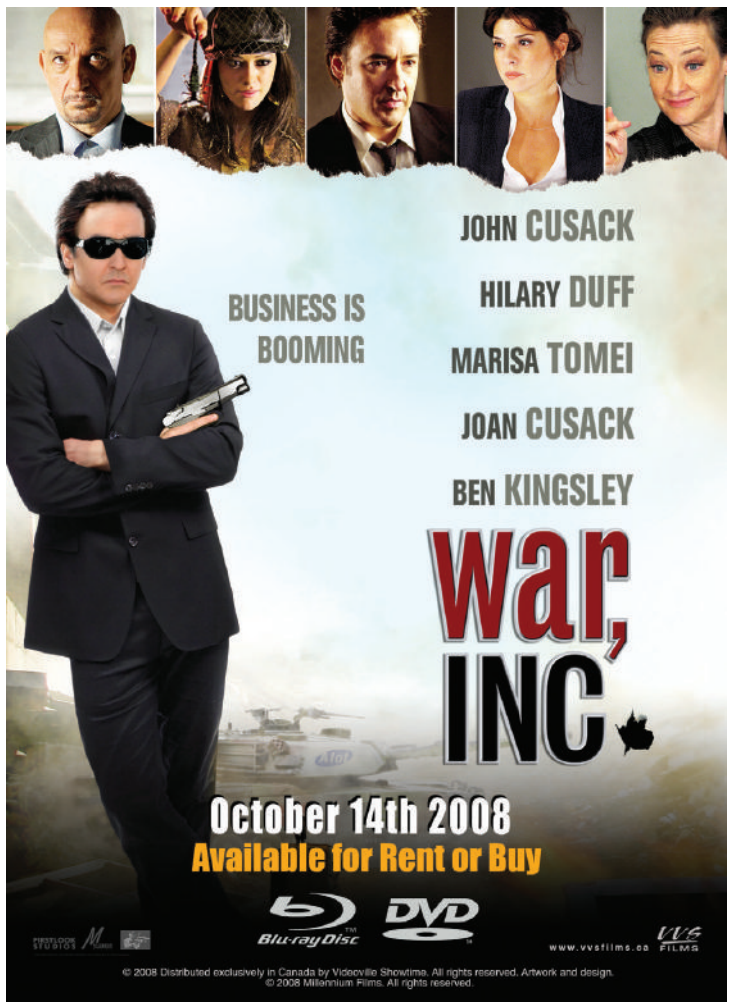

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**Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (14A) Fri-Thu 7:30

**Kung Fu Panda** (G) Sat-Sun 1:30

**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 3:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 9:30

### OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

**Body of Lies** (18A) DTS Digital Fri 7-9:40 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-7-9:40 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 7-9:40

**Max Payne** (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7:20-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:20-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50

**Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7:10-9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 2-4:20-7:10-9:30 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30

### PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
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**Beneath Her Window** Fri 9:35 Thu 7:30

**Dance in the Rain** (STC) Wed 9:15

**Dear Joanie, I Made a Movie** (STC) Mon 7:30

**Guardian of the Frontier** Sun 7:30

**Idle Running** (STC) Sat 7:30

**The Raft of the Medusa** (STC) Sun 9:25

**Spare Parts** (STC) Wed 7:30 Thu 9:15

**Sweet Dreams** (STC) Fri 7:30 Sat 9:15

### PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

**Happy-Go-Lucky** (STC) A.M. Sun 10

**Tell No One** (14A) Fri 4-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Wed 4-6:50-9:30 Thu 4-9:30

### RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

**Don Quichotte (Ballet)** (STC) A.M. Sat-Sun 10

**W.** (PG) Fri 4-7-9:40 Sat 1:15-4-7-9:40 Sun 1:15-4-9:40 Mon-Wed 4-7-9:40 Thu 4-7

### RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

**Dracula** (STC) Fri

**Freaks** (STC) Fri 12

**W.** Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 4-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45

### SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

**Body of Lies** (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:50 Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:20

**Burn After Reading** (14A) Fri 1-3:30-6:40-9:40 Sat 3:30-6:40-9:40 Sun-Thu 1-3:30-6:40-9:40

**Cirque du Soleil: Delirium** (G) Sat 1

**Fall HD Concert Series — From The Basement Series 3** (STC) Wed 9:30

**Ghost Town** (PG) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:20-7:50-10:25 Wed-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:50

**Max Payne** (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:30

**Morning Light** (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20-7:30-10:10

**Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4-7:10-9:30 Mon 1:30-4-10:30 Tue-Thu 1:30-4-7:10-9:30

**Passchendaele** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-7-10

**Religulous** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:40-10:15

### TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

**Battle in Seattle** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:50-5:15-7:40-10:05

**Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:40-7:10-9:30

**Blindness** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:45-10:25

**City of Ember** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-4:35-7:20-9:40

**The Dark Knight** (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:05-8

**The Duchess** (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:50-4:25-7:25-9:55

**Eagle Eye** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:35-10:15

**The Express** (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-7:05 No Passes Mon 1:10 No Passes Tue 1:10-7:05 No Passes Wed 1:10 No Passes Thu 1:10-7:05

**How to Lose Friends & Alienate People** (14A) Fri-Thu 4:10-10

**Quarantine** (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-3:15-5:30-7:50-10:10

**The Secret Life of Bees** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7-9:35

**Sex Drive** (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:05-4:55-7:55-10:30

**W.** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20

### VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
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vifc.org

**40 x 15** (STC) Sun 7

**Christopher's Movie Matinee** (STC) Sat 7

**The Dead Girls Feast** (STC) Thu 9:30

**Les Dernières fiançailles** (STC) Fri 8:45

**Enlightened** (STC) Thu 7

**Entre la Mer et l'Eau Douce** (STC) Fri 7

**Kid sentiment** (STC) Sat 9:15

**L'Eau chaude, l'eau frette** Mon 8:45

**A Married Couple** (STC) Sun 8:45

**Out of Tune** (STC) Wed 7

**Réjeanne Padovani** (STC) Mon 7

### VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

**Passchendaele** (14A) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:40-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20

## North Shore

### ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

**Body of Lies** (18A) Digital Presentation, No Passes Fri 7-9:45 Digital Presentation, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7-9:45 Digital Presentation, No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:45

**Burn After Reading** (14A) Fri 7:20-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:20-4:35-7:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:30

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**Sex Drive** (18A) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:15-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40

**W.** (PG) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:35

### PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

**Beverly Hills Chihuahua** Fri 7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:50-5-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30

**City of Ember** (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30

**The Express** (PG) Fri 9:25 Sat-Sun 3:25-9:25 Mon-Thu 9:25

**Mamma Mia!** (PG) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20

**Max Payne** (14A) No Passes Fri 6:55-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:55-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:55-9:40

**Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist** (PG) Fri 6:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

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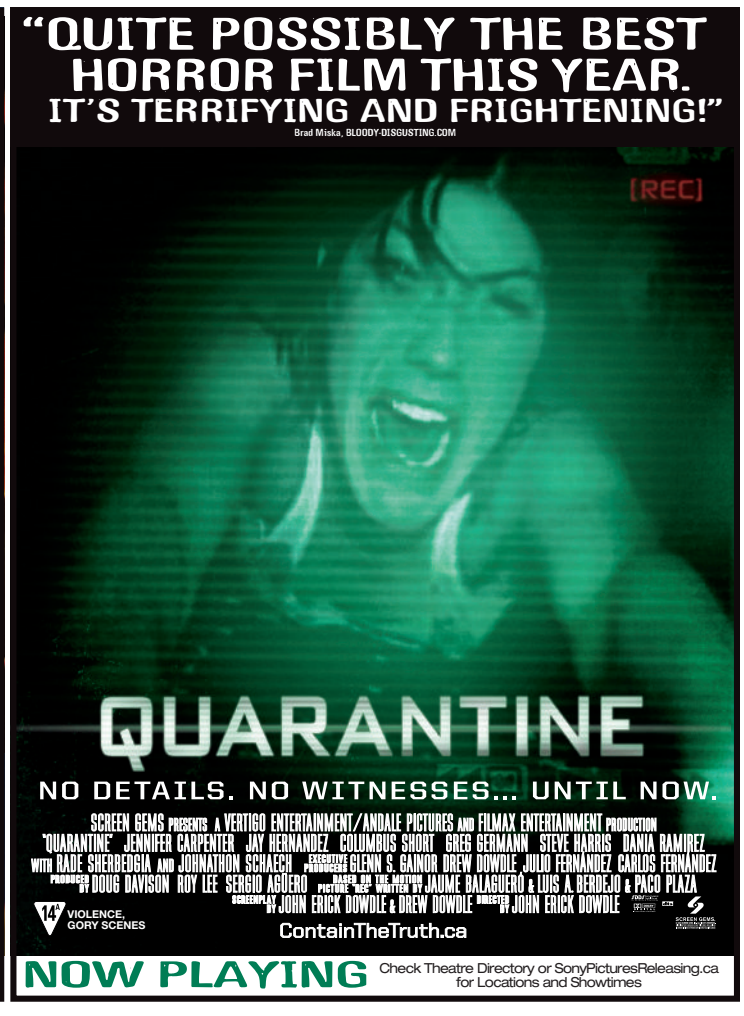
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# West Coast Weekend

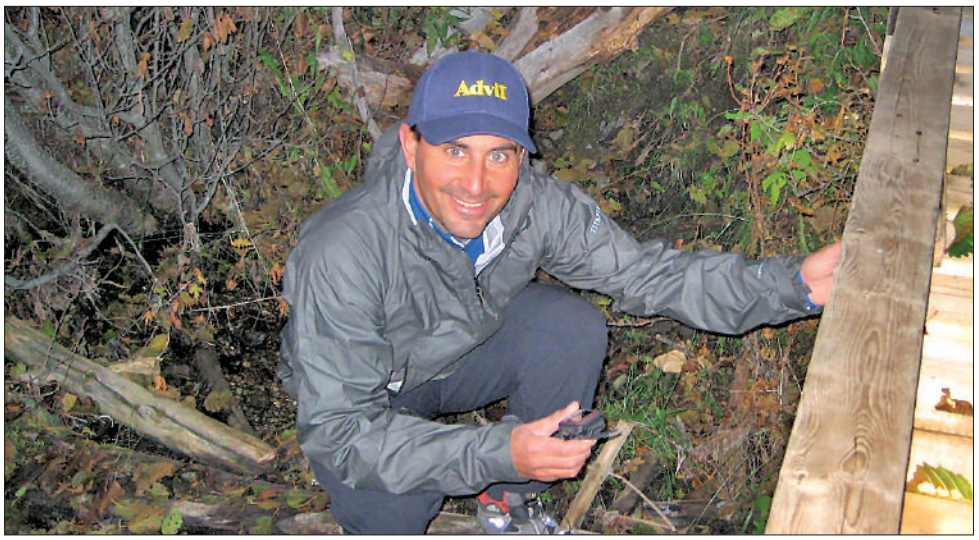
## music

**FRI. 7:30 P.M.** Sarah Bareilles. The singer-songwriter is best known for "Love Song." At Vogue Theatre, 918 Granville St. Tix: $30. Info: ticketmaster.ca.
**FRI. 8 P.M.** OXFAM Canada presents Music 4 Change featuring live music from Grand Analog, Los Furios, DNA6, Elias and Fur Bearing Animals. At Richard's on Richards, 1036 Richards Street. Tix: $20. Info: clubzone.com/events.
**FRI-SAT. 8 P.M.** VSO POPS presents Grammy-nominated Tiempo Libre, a Miami-based Cuban jazz band, known for their dance inducing performances. At Orpheum Theatre, 601 Smithe Street. Tix: $25-$80. Info: vancouversymphony.ca.
**FRI-SAT. 9:30 P.M.** 54-40. This alternative rock band formed in 1981 in Tsawwassen. At the Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville St. Tix: 29.50. Info: ticketmaster.ca.
**SAT. 8 P.M.** Stereolab. The British alternative band is known for its use of vintage electronic keyboards. At the Commodore Ballroom, 868 Granville St. Tix: $24.50. Info: ticketmaster.ca.
**SAT. 8 P.M.** Coastal Jazz & Blues Society presents Billy Bang Quartet – one of the greatest violinists in jazz history. At Ironworks Studio, 235 Alexander St. Tix: $20. Info: costaljazz.ca.
**SUN. 8 P.M.** Jolie Holland. The singer-songwriter croons a blend of folk, country and jazz to promote her latest album. At Richards on Richards, 1036 Richards St. Tix: 18. Info: ticketsweb.ca.

## events

**FRI-SAT. 8 P.M.** The Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged. A drama troupe covers 37 of the bard's plays in a fraction of the time it would take to read them all. At Deep Cove Stage, 360 Gallant Ave. Tix: $12-14. Info: 604-929-3200.
**FRI-SUN. 8 P.M.** Tartuffe: Born Again. The play is a reprise of the Moliere play. At Capilano University, 2055 Purcell Way. Tix: $10-12. Info: 604-990-7810.
**SAT. 10 P.M.** COVER. A black comedy by playwright David King. At Presentation House Theatre, 333 Chesterfield St., North Vancouver. Tix: $15-20. Info: seatheatre.com.
**FRI-SUN. 8 P.M.** Tartuffe: Born Again. The play is a reprise of the Moliere
**TO OCT. 25.** In a Dark, Dark House. Piece the clues together in this eye-brow raising play. At The Beaumont Stage, At 316 W. 5th Ave. Info: 604-733-3783.
**TO OCT. 26.** 4th Annual Taste of Yaletown offers food and wine enthusiasts three-course tasting menus for set prices. A portion of proceed will go the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. At over 20 Yaletown restaurants. Tix: $25-$45. Info: tasteofyaletown.com.
**TO NOV.1.** Fright Nights at the PNE begin featuring five new haunted houses, the Nightmare Maze, four shows and Playland rides. At the Pacific National Exhibition, 2901 East Hastings St. Tix: $25/20. Info: pne.ca.
**TO NOV.1. 6.-9:40 P.M.** Haunted trolley tours through Vancouver includes visiting Mountain View Cemetery and Vancouver Police Museum's autopsy room. Pick-up at Vancouver museum, 1100 Chestnut St. Tix: $28. Info: ticketmaster.ca.
**TO NOV. 1. 8 P.M.** A Murder Is Announced. The play is based on an Agatha Christie novel. At Metro Theatre, 1370 S.W. Marine Dr. Tix: $15-18. Tix: 604-266-7191.

54-40 play the Commodore Ballroom Friday and Saturday nights.


Dave Norona locates one of the many Geochaches that can be found in the North Shore Mountains. A Geocache is something placed at a specific location for others to find — it might be a logbook, candies or products as prizes. When a Geocacher finds it, they can share their experiences online without giving away the location to others.

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**The bestselling albums at Amazon.ca**
**1.** Tell Tale Signs: The Bootleg Series Vol. 8, Bob Dylan, right; **2.** Little Honey, Lucinda Williams; **3.** Death Magnetic, Metallica; **4.** Covers, James Taylor; **5.** Gossip In The Grain, Ray LaMontagne. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

# Stereolab language

## Band translates academic ideas into accessible sounds

OnTheBeat

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Stereolab employ a structured process to capture ideas in song. They play the Commodore Sunday.

Considering analogies for her band's philosophy, Stereolab's Lætitia Sadier settled on recycling rather than translating — though both terms had resonance.

The singer, who performs in English and French, said she'd never thought of the group as translators.

"We take old stuff and make it new. All pop music is kind of recycled, to varying degrees of consciousness," she said. "Though I also think that (principal songwriter) Tim (Gane) would say we've created our own language. It's easy to understand our music if you understand the language of it."

That language includes a love of '60s pop — a form made explicit in 2008's Chemical Chords that lights up two-and-a-half minute statements composed of metronome beats, Beach Boys harmonies, horns and layered melodies.

Yet through collaborations with German techno experimentalists Mouse on Mars and call-outs to avante garde composer John Cage, Stereolab also works to translate academic ideas into an accessible format. The result is a dreamlike combination that's as polished as it is quirky — a mix that recalls Sadier's experiences with Japanese translations of her lyrics.

"I don't know why they do it, but they take our English lyrics, translate them into Japanese, and then take the Japanese translation and turn it back into English," she said. "It becomes this completely surreal poetry that's (also) funny."

Stereolab employ a structured process to capture their ideas in songs — Chemical Chords is whittled down from more than 70 drum loops created by Gane. By pairing these loops with chords and tinkering with different tempos, he built an album that Sadier illustrated with lyrics inspired by haiku poetry. Comparing Gane's creative process to her own, Sadier (who also writes songs for Monade), explained she relies on ad hoc inspiration rather than the studious imposition of structure.

"Tim puts himself in situations where accidents can dictate where a song can go, rather than producing a full song," she said. "(I think of it as) putting yourself in an awkward position and finding a solution to get out of it gracefully."

# The most anticipated album releases of fall

SoundCheck

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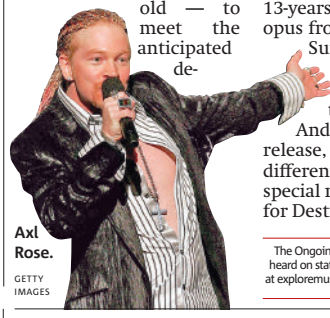
Now that Thanksgiving is out of the way — well, our version of it anyway — it's time for the deluge of big-name fourth-quarter releases to hit the stores in time for Christmas. Let's take stock, shall we?

• **Black Ice — AC/DC (Tuesday):** This is a monster. By the time this record hits the stores, it will have been eight years, seven months and 23 days since we last saw a new AC/DC record.

My sources say Canadian record stores have ordered insane amounts of AC/DC products — both new and old — to meet the anticipated demand. Plans include releasing four different covers and then having fans vote on which one should be the permanent one. Once that decision is made, the other three will become instant collectors' items. Crafty, no?

AC/DC may be aging — singer Brian Johnson is 61 and Angus Young is 53 (all five-foot-three, 110 pounds of him) — but they have no intention of slowing down. Nor are they interested in entering the digital age by doing a deal with iTunes. The message from them is "You want this album? Then you buy the CD."

• **Chinese Democracy — Guns N' Roses (Nov. 23, the Sunday of the American Thanksgiving weekend. We think. Or maybe it'll be Tuesday, Nov. 25.):** After 13 years, we're go for launch. Best Buy has apparently snagged some exclusive rights to release the 13-years-in-the-making opus from Axl Rose on the Sunday with everyone else getting to sell the record on the usual Tuesday. And as with the AC/DC release, there will be three different covers. Watch for special reissues of Appetite for Destruction, as well.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## Television

# Equity firm pays $1 for TV Guide

**I'D BUY THAT FOR A DOLLAR** And somebody did — a Beverly Hills-based private equity firm called OpenGate Capital, which paid copy protection giant Macrovision precisely one U.S. dollar for TV Guide magazine, less than a year after Macrovision bought TV Guide, apparently just for its digital assets.

According to a story in Advertising Age magazine, Macrovision has also given OpenGate a $9.5 million loan at a mere 3 per cent interest to get the magazine back in the black, a deal that would be sweet even if financial markets weren't so unstable. Gemstar, TV Guide's last owner, admitted that the magazine lost $20.3 million in 2007, and yes, I'm as confused about the math here as you are.

What the deal actually accomplishes for Macrovision is the simple but fiscally beneficial task of wiping the magazine's losses and debts from its books, as well as its responsibilities to TV Guide's 3 million U.S. subscribers. TV Guide's digital assets — its interactive program guide and relationship with cable providers — were all Macrovision really wanted, and the Ad Age story reported they'll be selling off the TV Guide Channel separately.

The Canadian edition of TV Guide is owned by Montreal's Transcontinental Media (a partner with Metro in some Canadian markets, in the interest of full disclosure), which ceased publishing its print edition nearly two years ago, after the magazine had changed size, and reduced its six editions to just two. It became an online magazine, its articles and scheduling grid hosted by the Sympatico Network, a rare case of a Canadian business seeing the future more clearly than their U.S. counterpart.

OpenGate managing partner Andrew Nikou told Ad Age they're "investing in this company to take it to the next stage," though what that would be remains anyone's guess, since it would seem that they're going to burn through Macrovision's loan in less than six months if Gemstar's dismal numbers still hold true. As for Macrovision, the long-term value of TV onscreen program guide is debatable as TV programming moves away from a calendar to a marketplace menu, so it's anyone's guess who's got the worst end of this deal.

IntelleVision

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## FRIDAY

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| | 255 | 358 | 6 JOY | E News | The Insider | Inside Hollywood (CC) | | Deal or No Deal (CC) | | 20/20 (N) (CC) | | News (N) |
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| family | 552 | 543 | 23 YTV | A Cinderella Story ★★ (2004) Hilary Duff, Jennifer Coolidge. | | | | Smallville (CC) | | Dark Oracle | Mystery Hnt. | Mystery Hnt. |
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| | 575 | 583 | 20 CMT | Karaoke Star "Edmonton, AB" | | Sugarland: Live at the Revival | | Twins ★★★ (1988) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito. | | | | Dukes |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 A&E | CSI: Miami "The Oath" (CC) | | Criminal Minds (CC) | | CSI: Miami (CC) | | CSI: Miami (CC) | | CSI: Miami |
| | 521 | 560 | 34 TLC | Say Yes to the Dress (CC) | | What Not to Wear "Amanda" | | Say Yes to the Dress (CC) | | Real Simple. Real Life | | What Not |
| | 616 | 522 | 35 SHO | The Best Years | | The Guard "The Beacon" | | Cock'd Gunns | Kenny-Spenny | Webdreams | Webdreams | Sin Cities |
| | 294 | 650 | 47 TBS | (6:00) What Women Want ★★ (2000) (CC) | | Sex and-City | | Sex and-City | | (:40) Selena ★★★ (1997) (PA) Jennifer Lopez. (CC) | | |
| | 603 | 561 | 53 FN | Diner, Drive-In | Diner, Drive-In | Restaurant Makeover (CC) | | Challenge Birthday cake. | | Chef Abroad | The Wild Chef | Diner, Drive-In |
| | 320 | 621 | 30 CEN | Sanctuary "Folding Man" (N) | | August Rush ★★ (2007) Freddie Highmore. Premiere. (CC) | | | | (9:55) The Mist ★★ (2007) Thomas Jane. | | |
| | 581 | 566 | 101 MTV | EMA Style | The Hills | After | MTV Presents | Real World-Road Rules | | The Hills | The Hills | Made (CC) |

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## SATURDAY

| VA | Vu | SC | C | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| primetime | 251 | 308 | 3 CBC | NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Edmonton Oilers. (Live) (CC) | | | | | HNIC -- After Hours | | News (CC) | HNIC Replay |
| | 255 | 358 | 6 JOY | E News | The Soup | Behind | Behind | Dr. 90210 (CC) | | Forbes Top 15 Supermodels | | E News |
| | 250 | 321 | 9 CTV | W-FIVE (CC) | | Criminal Minds "Penelope" | | CSI: NY "Admissions" (CC) | | Law & Order: SVU | | News (N) |
| | 252 | 336 | 11 GTV | Disasters of the Century | | Turning Points of History | | Painkiller Jane (CC) | | Kenny-Spenny | Trailer Park | News (N) |
| | 256 | 389 | 12 VI | New Canoe | Island Week | America's Toughest Jobs (N) | | The Road to Avonlea | | Kool Countdown (CC) | | Bravo! Fact |
| | 253 | 359 | 13 CITY | Survivorman (CC) | | Less-Kind | Kaya (CC) | Test of Will: Canada in Korea (CC) (DVS) | | | | Role |
| | - | - | 14 CW | CSI: NY "Tri-Borough" (CC) | | Boston Legal (CC) | | Boston Legal (CC) | | CSI: NY "Recycling" (CC) | | CSI: Miami |
| | 289 | 381 | 15 CBS | Entertainment Tonight (N) | | Criminal Minds "Penelope" | | CSI: NY "Admissions" (CC) | | 48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC) | | News (N) |
| | 287 | 379 | 16 NBC | Backroads | Inside Edition | America's Toughest Jobs (N) | | My Own Worst Enemy (CC) | | Law & Order: SVU | | News (N) |
| | 288 | 380 | 21 ABC | (5:00) College Football Missouri at Texas. | | | Whacked Out | Wheel-Fortune | Jeopardy! | Monk (CC) | | KOMO 4 News |
| | 290 | 382 | 23 FOX | MLB Baseball: NLCS | | Cops (CC) | Raymond | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | News (CC) | Scrubs (CC) | MADtv (CC) |
| news | 502 | 390 | 23 NW | Doc Zone "Omar Khadr" | | Sat. Report | Weekend | Sat. Report | Mansbridge | Doc Zone "Omar Khadr" | | Sat. Report |
| | 500 | 500 | 33 CNN | Newsroom | | Special Investigations | | Larry King Live | | CNN Saturday Night | | |
| sports | 407 | 419 | 22 RSP | MLB Baseball: NLCS | | Sportsnet Connected (Live) | | Saturday Night Poker (Taped) | | Sportsnet Connected (Live) | | Football Prev. |
| | 400 | 400 | 30 TSN | SportsCentre (Live) (CC) | | | Inning By Inning: Portrait of A Coach (N) (CC) | | | | SportsCentre (Live) (CC) | |
| family | 552 | 543 | 23 YTV | Wolverine | Transformers | Naruto (CC) | Blue Dragon | Zatch Bell (N) | Bleach (CC) | Storm Hawks | Dark Oracle | Mystery Hnt. |
| | 555 | 545 | 50 TEL | George | Ghosts | Ghosts | 6teen | Total Drama | Futurama | Aeon Flux ★★ (2005) Charlize Theron. (CC) | | |
| variety | 268 | 354 | 5 KNO | Wall of Death (CC) | | Heartbeat "Stop Gap" (CC) | | Midsomer Murders "Dead in the Water" (N) (CC) | | | | Montreal Jazz |
| | 575 | 583 | 20 CMT | Hope & Faith | Hope & Faith | Grand Ole Opry Live | | Gone Country | Gone Country | Hope & Faith | Hope & Faith | Coyote Ugly |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 A&E | The Sopranos "Kaisha" (CC) | | The Sopranos "Funhouse" | | CSI: Miami "Double Jeopardy" | | CSI: Miami "Driven" (CC) | | The Sopranos |
| | 521 | 560 | 34 TLC | Trading Spaces (N) | | Flip House | Flip House | Property Ladder (CC) | | Trading Spaces | | Little People |
| | 616 | 522 | 35 SHO | About a Girl | Kink in Hair | Legacy of Fear (2006, Suspense) Teri Polo. | | | | Click ★★ (2006, Comedy) Adam Sandler. | | |
| | 294 | 650 | 47 TBS | To Be Announced | | | | Men in Black II ★★ (2002) (PA) (CC) | | | (:45) The Ringer ★★ (2005) | |
| | 603 | 561 | 53 FN | Kitchen Nightmares (CC) | | The F Word | | Challenge (CC) | | Dinner: Impossible (CC) | | Nightmares |
| | 320 | 621 | 30 CEN | (6:00) The Hoax ★★★ (2006) | | Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story ★★ (2007) | | | (:45) Black Snake Moan ★★ (2007) Samuel L. Jackson. (CC) | | | |
| | 581 | 566 | 101 MTV | Cribs (CC) | Cribs (CC) | Cribs (CC) | Cribs (CC) | Cribs (CC) | Cribs (CC) | MTV Live | MTV News | After |

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## SUNDAY

| VA | Vu | SC | C | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| primetime | 251 | 308 | 3 CBC | Heartland "Gift Horse" (N) | | Bon Cop, Bad Cop (2006) Colm Feore, Patrick Huard. (CC) | | | | CBC News: Sunday Night (N) | | News (CC) |
| | 255 | 358 | 6 JOY | Instant Beauty Pageant (CC) | | Extreme Makeover: Home | | Hollywood's 12 Sexiest Jobs | | Real Housewives of OC | | News (CC) |
| | 250 | 321 | 9 CTV | Star Wars Clo. | Degrassi | The Amazing Race 13 (N) | | Desperate Housewives (N) | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | News (N) |
| | 252 | 336 | 11 GTV | renegade | The Simpsons | The Simpsons | King of Hill | Family Guy | American Dad | Brothers & Sisters (N) (CC) | | News (N) |
| | 256 | 389 | 12 VI | Funniest Home Videos | | Gossip Girl (N) (CC) | | Cold Case "Roller Girl" (N) | | Mad Men (CC) | | New Canoe |
| | 253 | 359 | 13 CITY | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Valentine "Act Naturally" (N) | | Easy Money (N) (CC) | | Privileged "Pilot" (CC) | | Role |
| | - | - | 14 CW | In Harm's Way (N) (CC) | | Valentine "Act Naturally" (N) | | Easy Money (N) (CC) | | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Cold Case |
| | 289 | 381 | 15 CBS | 60 Minutes (N) (CC) | | The Amazing Race 13 (N) | | Cold Case "Roller Girl" (N) | | The Unit "The Conduit" (N) | | News (N) |
| | 287 | 379 | 16 NBC | NFL Football: Seahawks at Buccaneers | | | M. Holmgren | Dateline NBC (CC) | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | News (N) |
| | 288 | 380 | 21 ABC | Funniest Home Videos | | Extreme Makeover: Home | | Desperate Housewives (N) | | (:01) Brothers & Sisters (N) | | KOMO 4 News |
| | 290 | 382 | 23 FOX | The Simpsons | The Simpsons | The Simpsons | King of Hill | Family Guy | American Dad | News (N) | Q It Up Sports | House (CC) |
| news | 502 | 390 | 23 NW | Jesus Politics (N) (CC) | | | Our World | CBC News: Sunday Night | | Jesus Politics (CC) | | |
| | 500 | 500 | 33 CNN | Newsroom | | Special Investigations | | Larry King Live | | Newsroom | | Investigations |
| sports | 407 | 419 | 22 RSP | MLB Baseball: ALCS | | Sportsnet Connected (Live) | | The Ultimate Fighter | | Sportsnet Connected | | UFC 89 |
| | 400 | 400 | 30 TSN | NFL Football: Seahawks at Buccaneers | | | SportsCentre (Live) (CC) | | ATP Tennis: Mutua Madrilena Masters Madrid | | | SportsCentre |
| family | 552 | 543 | 23 YTV | (6:00) Monster House ★★★ | | SpongeBob | Prank Patrol | The Next Star (CC) | | Falcon Beach "Turn Card" | | Mystery Hnt. |
| | 555 | 545 | 50 TEL | George | Ghosts | Ghosts | 6teen | Total Drama | Futurama | Ultimate Avengers: The Movie (2006) (CC) | | |
| variety | 268 | 354 | 5 KNO | Raptor Force | | The Impressionists (CC) | | New Tricks (N) (CC) | | Dalziel-Pascoe | | Montreal Jazz |
| | 575 | 583 | 20 CMT | Home Imp. | Home Imp. | CMT's Greatest | | Grace of My Heart ★★ (1996) Illeana Douglas, Matt Dillon. | | | | Home Imp. |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 A&E | CSI: Miami "All In" (CC) | | The Cleaner "Lie With Me" | | CSI: Miami "After the Fall" | | CSI: Miami "Ambush" (CC) | | CSI: Miami |
| | 521 | 560 | 34 TLC | My Shocking Story (CC) | | My Shocking Story: Half Man | | Treeman: Search for the Cure | | My Shocking Story (CC) | | Shocking |
| | 616 | 522 | 35 SHO | The Guard "The Beacon" | | Imaginary Playmate (2006, Suspense) Dina Meyer. | | | | Weeds (CC) | Rescue Me | Kenny-Spenny |
| | 294 | 650 | 47 TBS | MLB Baseball: ALCS | | | MLB Post | The Tuxedo ★ (2002, Comedy) (PA) Jackie Chan. (CC) | | | | Scary Movie 3 |
| | 603 | 561 | 53 FN | Jamie's Kitchen Australia | | Chef School | At the Table | Challenge Fruit sculptures. | | Iron Chef America (CC) | | Jamie |
| | 320 | 621 | 30 CEN | Life & Times | Entourage (N) | True Blood (N) (CC) | | Dexter Sincere proposal. (N) | | Bee Movie ★★ (2007) Renée Zellweger (CC) | | |
| | 581 | 566 | 101 MTV | Cribs (CC) | Cribs (CC) | After | MTV Presents | MTV Shuffle (CC) | | Cribs (CC) | MTV Presents | MTV Shuffle |

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# Olympics inspire South Park show

## Rick's TVPicks

### South Park

**Air date:** Today
**Network:** Comedy

**THE SECOND HALF** of season 12 of South Park premieres tonight with The China Problem, an episode that's become infamous since it debuted just over a week ago on Comedy Central in the United States. The main plot, inspired by the Beijing Olympics, is probably offensive enough, but a subplot involving filmmakers George Lucas and Steven Spielberg and the "squeal like a pig" scene from Deliverance might be the most disturbing thing South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone have done yet.

### MuchMoreMusic Live

**Air date:** Saturday
**Network:** MuchMoreMusic

**SINGER SARAH MCLACHLAN,** a perfectly nice person from what we've heard, endures the machinery of record promotion with this live appearance promoting her new greatest hits album, Closer: The Best of Sarah McLachlan. If you really have an appetite to endure awkward ritual, you can watch her on Live@etalk the day before, pretending to be charmed by host Ben Mulroney.

### The Dolphin Dealer — The Doc Zone

**Air date:** Thursday
**Network:** CBC

**DOCUMENTARIES** have two purposes, based on my observations: to inform and educate, and to give you this persistent, icky feeling of guilt. There should be plenty of that with this film about the business of providing dolphins for Aquariums and water parks, right down to the eponymous dealer of the film's title, who claims his trade has at least convinced Solomon Islanders to capture the charming mammals alive instead of hunting them for their teeth.

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**Dinner & drinks for 2:**
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Growing up on the Black Sea meant I developed more than a passing familiarity with dishes like pierogi, sour cabbage and borscht. Before there was glasnost, there was grechka (buckwheat); before perestroika, pielmenyi (meat dumplings). The conclusion of all this is that I was super excited when I heard that Red Squared (as it's commonly called) — and its Soviet-inspired menu and décor — was open.

Executive Chef Chris Dignan takes favourite Eastern European flavours, laces them with West Coast savoir faire and presents them tapas style. It's a menu that could easily go wrong, but, luckily, is so very right.

### On the web

- Read the full article online at *metronews.ca/Vancouver/comment.*
- Chew more on Anya's blog at *metronews.typepad.com/urbanfoodie.*

Salty kasha fries ($6.50) are splendid with spicy red pepper preserve. Sesame and anise breadsticks ($6.50) are thick, warm, chewy twists that arrive tied with string. Sweet potato pierogi with house-smoked chorizo and sage ($11.75) are hearty, light on the dough and more aromatic than my grandmother's (sorry Baba).

Wild Russian sea scallops ($16.50) with raisins, speck ham and buttery Savoy cabbage are simply kalasalnayi (and it doesn't get any better than that). Throw in vodkas, martinis and cocktails that sing, and a healthy wine list, and you've got a revolutionary concept that would make Lenin's stomach rumble.

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Sweet potato pierogi with sage and house-smoked chorizo.

## Rasputin's (Gold?) Passion

Some say the mad monk's passion was the czarina (wife of Czar Nicholas II), others that it was gold. According to Red X Red, it was Alizé Gold. Passionfruit juice is blended with French cognac to create liquid gold. Rasputin would be proud.

## Dining out

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## In brief

**CONGRATS** to Boneta's Justin Tisdall, who won the Gibson's Iron Bar contest in BC with his winning drink, "We Give 110." Gibson will be flown to Montréal to compete in the national finals.

**PAUL GRUNBERG,** former GM of Chambar, has left to take over management duties at Market, the new restaurant due in January at the Shangri-La Hotel. Good luck Paul!

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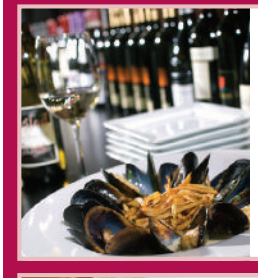

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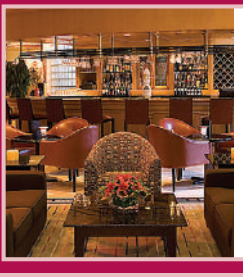

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**Bonet pregnant with third child**

Life On Mars star Lisa Bonet is seven months pregnant with her third child. Bonet and her boyfriend of two years, actor Jason Momoa, also have a 14-month-old daughter, Lola. PEOPLE.COM

## Celebrity Buzz

# Pink stays happy by working out

**PEOPLE** Pink never worries about her figure, because the way she stays happy is through regular workouts, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer admits comments in the press about her weight are sometimes "hurtful," and is exasperated with the press for being so nasty with their words.

"I'm the same as anybody else. I have days when I don't think I look so great, especially when I have all eyes on me," she tells Britain's Cosmopolitan magazine. "Not so long ago, there was a paparazzi picture of me walking my dogs with the headline, 'A chubby Pink walking her dogs.' You'd never go up to somebody in the street and tell them they're fat, so how can people get away with being so hurtful in print?"

But Pink laughs off the jibes, and hits the gym to cheer herself up.

"I had to laugh about it," she says. "There are more important things in life and I've learned to be happy with my shape. For me working out is the best anti-depressant in the world."

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# Griffith named one of sexiest women

**POLL** Melanie Griffith, Lisa Bonet and Swimming Pool stars Charlotte Rampling and Ludivine Sagnier have been named among the 25 Sexiest Women of All Time in a new poll, imdb.com reports.

The quartet joins film icons Julie Christie, Raquel Welch, Sophia Loren, Catherine Deneuve, Brigitte Bardot and Ursula Andress, Nastassja Kinski, Faye Dunaway, Halle Berry, Jessica Alba, Karen Allen and latter day pin-ups Scarlett Johansson, Eva Green, Sienna Miller and Penelope Cruz on the GQ magazine hotlist.

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## Rutherford admits to Botox

**BEAUTY** Gossip Girl's Kelly Rutherford isn't afraid to admit she's had a little Botox — and she doesn't think other celebs should be shy about it, either, People.com reports.

The actress, 39, said she had Botox injected once before she got pregnant with her son, Hermés.

"I think it's beautiful that people are sharing," said Rutherford, noting that women should be honest about everything from childbirth to beauty secrets.

"We sit around at lunch and ask each other (questions), so why not say we had postpartum, giving birth is hell but the children are amazing — and I get Botox."

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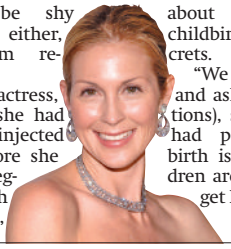

## Duchovny separated for months

**PEOPLE** David Duchovny, who recently left rehab for sex addiction, and wife Téa Leoni released a statement Wednesday saying they have been separated for some time, People.com reports.

"In light of continuous speculation over the lives and marriage of Téa Leoni and David Duchovny, the couple has confirmed that they have in fact been separated for several months," the statement says. "The couple had hoped to keep this separation private for the sake of their children."

Duchovny, 48, has been married to actress Leoni since 1997.

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## celebrity briefs

### Solange defends sister Beyoncé

**CAREER** Solange Knowles has defended her superstar sister Beyoncé, insisting their differences shouldn't prompt fans to pick sides between the pair, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer has hit out at the press since embarking on her own music career, admitting relentless comparisons to her older sister have made it difficult to step out of her shadow.

"There are a lot of things that people don't realize about the differences between Beyoncé and me," Solange says. "Our age difference, for one. Sure, we're tight now, but we weren't as close when we were kids."

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### Costner is set for another baby

**PREGNANCY** Kevin Costner is set to become a dad again — his wife Christine Baumgartner is pregnant with the couple's second child, imdb.com reports.

The pair welcomed a son, Cayden Wyatt Costner, in May 2007. The actor has three grownup children from his first marriage to Cindy Silva.

Costner wed designer Baumgartner in September 2004.

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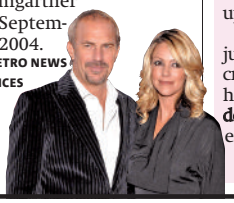

## FameThrower

### Joe O'Neill

Joe's take on celebrities

Looks like **David Duchovny** and **Téa Leoni** have added each other to their respective 'ex files,' as they've confirmed that they have been secretly separated for several months now. I guess secretly separating is the polar opposite of eloping. All this after **Duchovny** successfully completed a dubious program of sex addiction rehab. Isn't going to sex rehab and then getting divorced kind of like quitting drinking and then buying a bar?

It seems like only weeks ago that the couple was happily cavorting at the Czech Street Festival in New York. That's because it was only weeks ago. Used to be that nothing said 'forever' like being spotted at an Eastern European themed hullabaloo, but times have changed.

Coincidentally, just last week I was experiencing narcolepsy while trying to watch the movie Spanglish, in which Leoni plays a woman unhappily married to **Adam Sandler**. I think they split up, but Leoni's character was okay, so I'm not worried about her. As your celebrity observer, I advise you to go right back to either pretending you've never heard of her, or mixing her up with **Jenna Elfman**.

As for **Duchovny**, he'll just get more and more decrepit looking, but since he's not **Jean-Paul Belmondo** no one will find it interesting.

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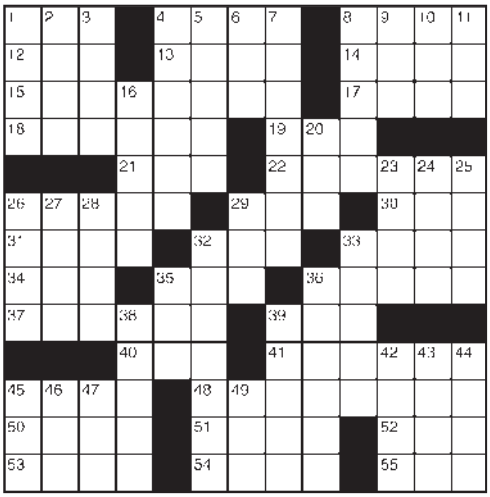

## Crossword across

1 Rotation stat
4 Squabbles
8 Head light?
12 Foreman foe
13 Black, in verse
14 Smell
15 Hot pepper
17 November responsibility
18 Tali
19 Infinitesimal
21 — -de-France
22 Heap
26 Malt shop orders
29 Favoring
30 Tolstoy or Delibes
31 String instruments
32 Go up and down
33 Founder
34 Shape shifter?
35 Driver's license datum
36 Battery terminal
37 White who played Steve Urkel
39 Historic period
40 Girl
41 Those with no chance for parole
45 Kermit, for one
48 Window blind
50 Contemporary coin
51 Iowa city
52 Sch. org.
53 Noggin
54 Mysterious character
55 Nevertheless

## Crossword down

1 Malay prince
2 Blueprint
3 "Got —?"
4 Drives away
5 Overweight
6 Triumphed
7 Spiel, often
8 Hut
9 Big bother
10 Sodom evacuee
11 Raw rock
16 Wanted-poster info
20 Listener
23 Hodgepodge
24 Hang
25 Oxen's burden
26 N. in a sentence
27 Gumbo need
28 Transaction
29 "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" network
32 Glass vessel used to create a vacuum
33 Glitch
35 Red or Black
36 Melodic
38 Incite
39 Actress Barkin
42 Glimpse
43 Ceremony
44 Membership
45 Calendar abbr.
46 Regret
47 Man-mouse link
49 — Dar'ya (Aral Sea feeder)

## Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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| 3 | 1 | | | | | 8 | | 7 |
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| 1 | | 6 | | 7 | 4 | | | |
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| | | | 1 | 3 | | 2 | | 4 |
| 5 | | | | 4 | | 9 | | |
| 2 | | 1 | | | | | 4 | 6 |
| | | | | | 8 | | 5 | |

## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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| 7 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| 1 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
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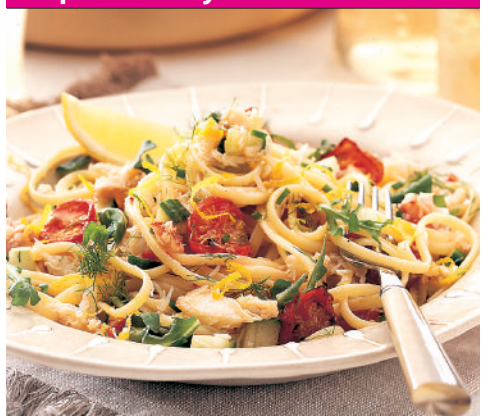
| 3 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 7 |
| 6 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 5 |
| 9 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| 8 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 3 |

**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:**

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

## Recipe of the day



### Linguine with crab

**INGREDIENTS:**

250g cherry tomatoes, halved
1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
12 1/3 oz (350 g) linguine (flat ribbon noodles)
1 red chili pepper, deseeded and finely chopped
1/2 cucumber, finely diced
Grated zest of 1 lemon
1 tsp (5 mL) fresh herb fennel, chopped
3/4 tsp (4 mL) fresh chives, snipped
¾ cup (175 mL) fresh crab meat
1 ½ tbsp (20 mL) arugula
lemon wedges as garnish

**METHOD:**

1. Preheat grill or broiler. Place tomatoes, cut-sides up, on a heatproof dish. Sprinkle generously with freshly ground black pepper and drizzle with oil. Grill for 4–5 minutes or until browned on top but still firm. Turn off the heat and leave under grill to keep warm.
2. Meanwhile, cook the linguine in a large pot of lightly salted boiling water according to the pack instructions, until al dente.
3. Combine chili, cucumber, lemon zest, fennel and chives in a large serving bowl. Add crab meat and mix lightly.
4. Drain cooked pasta, add to crab mixture and toss together. Add tomatoes and their juices together with arugula and mix lightly, taking care not to break up the tomatoes. Serve with lemon wedges to squeeze over the top.

**PER SERVING**

412 calories, 22 g protein, 8 g fat, 1g saturates, 68 g carbohydrate, 6 g sugars, 4 g fibre, 224 mg sodium

**SERVES 4**

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## Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

**ARIES**
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Thrills come from a generous person. A makeshift plan needs support. A health problem isn't what it appeared to be.

**TAURUS**
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Be gracious and show infinite patience. Search for a person with a lapsed conscience. A man's planned visit has risks.

**GEMINI**
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Be ready to commit to a neutral party. Someone tries to hold on to good sense. An associate will stop whining.

**CANCER**
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Intimate contact will give great joy. Strangers will find a mutual meeting ground. A worker gets an unfair tongue-lashing.

**LEO**
JULY 23-AUG 23
A dishonest institution needs better leadership. Mimic the spirit of an enthusiast to succeed. Be loyal to somebody struggling with a bad condition.

**VIRGO**
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A pointless argument shows a ridiculous lack of insight. A dear fellow has remarkable news. A sad worker objects to pandemonium.

**LIBRA**
SEPT 23-OCT 23
An indifferent person knows that you have a secret. Going against nature will be dim-witted. You're planning to seek out a loner.

**SCORPIO**
OCT 24-NOV 22
A friendship begins to affect your feelings. A new companion is deceptive. A crisis is necessary for you to carry out plans.

**SAGITTARIUS**
NOV 23-DEC 21
An emotional bond improves a situation. A secret love calls for caution. There'll be competition for healthy pleasures.

**CAPRICORN**
DEC 22-JAN 20
Keep your deepest feelings in a protected place. Everybody has a story to tell. A relationship is challenged by a misunderstanding.

**AQUARIUS**
JAN 21-FEB 18
Your good mood will rub off on others. A doubtful person ridicules sentimentality. Avoid a sensitive topic.

**PISCES**
FEB 19-MARCH 20
There is hypocrisy in talking to a liar. A peeved person looks for a job. An unfortunate female appears from nowhere.

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